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1. EVENING APRIL 28, GROUP OF MORE THAN 100 GREEKS, CYPRIOTS AND FEW BRITISHERS FORCED WAY INTO GREEK EMBASSY (CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE) LONDON. REPORTEDLY THEY USED EMBASSY RADIO TRANSMITTER AND TELEX TO INFORM OTHER ANTI-COUP SYMPATHIZERS IN U.S., FRANCE, AND GERMANY ABOUT QUOTE LIBERATION OF THIS FIRST PART OF GREEK SOIL FROM MILITARY JUNTA. UNQUOTE. OVER LOUDSPEAKER SET UP ON BALCONY THEY CALLED FOR SOLIDARITY OF WORKING CLASSES AND RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. SOME CHANTED QUOTE DOW WITH CONSTANTINE. UNQUOTE. IT TOOK POLICE ABOUT 45 MINUTES TO EVICT DEMONSTRATORS FORCEAPLY. ABOUT 60 APPREHENDED BUT SOME ESCAPED FROM POLICE VAN. 42 BEING CHARGED IN COURT TODAY.

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2. SOME PARTICIPANTS TOLD REPORTERS DEMONSTRATION CARRIED OUT BY QUOTE SAVE GREECE NEW UNQUOTE ORGANIZATION, DESCRIBED AS QUOTE LIBERATION LEFT-WING UNQUOTE BUT NOT INCLUDING COMMUNISTS. ONE CLAIMED THEY HAD SUPPORT OF SOME ON EMBASSY STAFF. ANOTHER SAID ATTEMPT TO SEIZE AMBASSADOR NICOLAREISIS AS HOSTAGE NOW DEFERRED. AMBASSADOR AND

WIFE AT CHURCH WHEN ATTACK OCCURRED. THEIR CHILDREN WERE IN RESIDENCE BUT UNHARMED.)

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3. FONOFF S LUCAS (DEPUTY HEAD, CENTRAL DEPT.) TOLD EMBOFF THERE SOME INDICATIONS COMMITTEE OF 100 (WHICH CONCERNS ITSELF MAINLY WITH ANTI-U.S. ACTIVITIES RE VIETNAM) WAS INVOLVED. NICOLAREISIS LODGED PROTEST AT FONOFF THIS MORNING.

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just after the termination of a big football game; he had the support of good organization and better loudspeaking arrangements. Thus, conditions were relatively parallel. If the size and enthusiasm of crowds is an index of popularity, Papandreou is more popular in Thessaloniki than Caramanlis.

As with the Caramanlis crowd, it remains to be seen if crowds are a measure of votes, organization or curiosity.

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